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**Washington, DC** - Congressman Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) announced today a \$1 million grant for the city of West Union. The funding is through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and allows the Department of Energy to help local governments implement energy efficiency and clean energy programs.

"This grant will have a tremendous impact on West Union's local economy," Braley said. "These funds will help Iowa stay at the forefront of clean energy initiatives and help reduce our nation's dependence on foreign oil, while also creating jobs and strengthening the local economy."

West Union will use the funds to install a geo-thermal system for use by most downtown businesses. The city will then work with local business owners toward developing more energy efficient practices. The system is designed with flexible scalability so that it can expand to other parts of the city.

This grant is part of the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program.

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